

## **Parish Council Meeting – 4th March 2019**

**Attendees:** Mike Eggleton(ME), William Yeung(WY), Kit Tranmer(KT), Quentin Jackson(QJ), Paul Dobson(PD), Matthew Ives(MI), Isidore Faloona(IF), Michelle Spears(MS), Paul Kinman, Michael O’Kane, Rob Fernandes and Geraldine Mansbridge(GM)

**Apologies:** Mike O’Sullivan, Isabel Evans/Parker and Paul Turpin.

### **Fr Boniface Kruger OFM**

The Council took a moment in prayer to remember Fr Boniface who had sadly passed away earlier this evening. May he rest in peace.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved.

- **Parish Office**

Kate Jacobs (KJ) and Lucy McGuire (LM) were in attendance for this item.

Following the statement reported to the November PPC, KJ and LM welcomed the opportunity to speak to the Council. This related to changes since 2017 and some challenges which included from the Diocese. They wished to be clear that they with the support of the council would like to return to the good relationships that had previously existed with the Council and Parishioners.

The council were as one in stating that they had confidence and supported them and their colleagues in the Parish Office in the work they do to serve the friars and parishioners.

If parishioners have any problems or issues to be addressed about the Parish office these must be raised and dealt with through the Parish Manager and/or Parish Priest. The council agreed to support this line and KT was asked to confirm this support and approach to the staff.

- **Chairs at the back of church**

PD received approval for chairs from the Henrietta Suite to be moved during the Easter services to the church. They will be returned after the 11.30am mass on Easter Sunday.

- **Votive Candles**

PD reported that having spoken to Fr Michael Copps and in order to reduce fire risk and other potential health & safety hazards that he would like support to investigate installing electric candles by St Anthony’s statute. It was agreed in principle that he should look into the options available.

- **Summer Garden Fete**

It was noted that plans were underway for the Summer Fete which would take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Historically, St Anthony's School have made a valued contribution of working with the parish community with the young children performing their country dancing: for which there was great appreciation. However, the Governors and Head teacher have decided that the demands of the curriculum and education means that time cannot be allocated to the preparation of the children during school time in future. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks for their close cooperation in the past and look forward to their continued support in the future for the long-term benefits of school, family and parish working together.

- **Franciscan Order**

MOK expressed his disappointment that the item discussed at the last meeting had not been raised with the Order prior to the meeting. KT stated that in fact informal discussion had been held previously and that there was no intention to cause upset.

- **Heating**

KT referred to the note he had circulated following the meeting that was held last week with contractors. In essence, the heating is defunct and could cease at any time. It seems therefore, that there is no alternative but to replace. More investigation is needed particularly around gas supply with the potential to have zoning areas for different parts of the building. KT will provide updates in due course.

- **Signage**

KT reported that signs had now been ordered and a contractor found who can install. Progress should be made soon and then plans for any training required would be taken forward.

- **Huts**

The request for planning permission was been prepared as well as the cutting back of some trees. In the meantime, the Finance Committee had agreed to suspend any further progress due to the decisions needed about the heating.

- **Outdoor Mass**

It was noted that this will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

- **Christmas Fayre**

It was noted that this will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

- **Volunteers**

ME reported that they hoped to have some ideas for a volunteer's event for the next meeting.

- **Forward planning**

ME asked that future agendas should include an item on what's happening in the next three months. This will enable communications and planning to be more effective. This should also include plans for the next AGM. This was agreed.

- **Information leaflets**

It was agreed that the Liturgy Committee should look at how more contact and information sharing can be achieved through the website and social media channels on keeping in touch, particularly for those who may be irregular visitors or generally to help people to keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at 8pm.